

CITY TAX RATE DUE FOR JUMP

High Assessed Value of D. C. Property Will Offset Reduction in Previous Levies.

Washington property owners, even with the reduced rate of taxation, will be called upon to pay \$129,118.32 more in taxes next May than the year previous.

Increase in Value Is Enormous.

The books of District Assessor W. P. Richards, just completed, show that the total value of real estate and improvements in the District have jumped from \$434,794,786 to \$472,945,805. This is the biggest increase in real estate values in the history of the District government, except one. This exception was in 1914-15. In the assessment for these years values jumped about \$45,000,000.

The increase in taxation in the District amounts to about one and a half per cent over last year's on the majority of bills. It was said today, and the tax collector has started to make out bills for taxpayers. The bills could be paid either entirely this month or one-half this month and one-half next May.

Assessed Values.

According to the figures compiled by the assessor, the assessed value of land in the District amounts to \$224,411,506. The assessed value of improvements, which includes buildings, amounts to \$248,534,299.

The assessed valuations of land for the last biennial assessment was \$218,553,832, while the assessments on improvements amounted to \$221,008,933.

The total tax which property owners will be asked to pay this year is \$8,807,613.65, against \$8,478,498.33 last year.

The increase in land values in the District under the new assessment is \$10,625,653, while the increase in improvements amounts to \$27,525,496, making a total of \$38,151,019 of increased values in Washington real estate.

Rickenbacker Called Greatest Hero of War

New York Veteran, Holder of Six Medals, Disputes Others' Claims.

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, premier American ace, is the real hero of the world war, in the opinion of Sgt. "Mike" Donaldson, a hero himself, and a holder of six medals, who is in Washington today representing New York State at the burial of the unknown dead. Donaldson served with a New York unit in the Forty-second (Rainbow) Division.

"I am ready to dispute the claims of Sergeant Alvin C. York and Sergeant Samuel Woodfill as the war's greatest hero. When you ask for the greatest of the great we must all salute Eddie as king of them all," Sergeant Donaldson declared.

During his nine months in the trenches, Donaldson served in the Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and defensive sectors.

No official count of the number of Germans Donaldson accounted for has been made, and Donaldson himself modestly says he doesn't know. "Some claim ten and some thirty, but for me all I know is that the shooting was good and there were lots of boche in sight."

The medals conferred upon Donaldson are: American Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre with Palmes, Medal Militaire, New York State World War Medal, Conspicuous Medal for Gallantry and a medal from his home town of Haverstraw, N. Y., conferred by special dispensation of the War Department. In addition to these, the Congressional Medal of Honor will be conferred on him next week.

Donaldson will visit former President Wilson this afternoon at 3 o'clock and be thanked personally by him for his valiant deeds during the war.



First Woman Called Here to Jury Service Turns Down "Honor"

Boys, ain't it the limit when the women "whoop it up" and agitate for equal rights and mayorships and Cabinet posts and departments of education, yet when you offer a Washington woman the honor of being the first woman juror to serve in her city she turns it down?

Yes, Mrs. Clara Virginia Taylor was served with papers to sit on a jury in Criminal Court, No. 1, District Supreme Court, and she turned the job down flat.

Court Accepts Excuse.

Mrs. Taylor respectfully told the court that she has been sick and hot rolls out in her little bakery on 3422 Fourteenth street northwest, and taking care of her ten-year-old granddaughter, Virginia, she had her hands full. Chief Justice McCoy, who heard her excuse, excused her on account of her "home duties." She had been drawn from 300 men.

You never would have thought it the way the women have been forming delegations and calling on the President and tearfully telling him that women in some States couldn't even serve on a jury.

But Mrs. Taylor says: "I haven't got time to sit down there and listen to that awful language. That's men's work. Of course, men are number one, but I don't want to be meddlin' around that court. I'm a criminal court, too, Cooch! (She shuddered here). Because the papers the man served on me said Criminal Court, No. 1."

Not Looking for Jury Honors.

"Honor, your knits," Mrs. Taylor fired back when The Times reporter asked her the distinction of being the first woman juror in Washington. "You know I'm a home woman. I've seen some women and you can't tell 'em from a man."

"I've got my business to attend to. Indeed, I fussed with the clerk of the court until he released me from this jury service. It's a new fangle and I haven't got time to bother with it."

Wholly oblivious that Susan B. Anthony was probably turning over in her grave and that the work of Alice Paul's militants was being thrown to the four winds, the "first woman juror" talked in this strain for half an hour with The Times representative. And, by the way, she is quite an original person.

The District of Columbia Supreme Court established a precedent here in throwing jury service open to women, as in the case of Mrs. Taylor. The action was taken as a recognition of woman's new status and right to share in civic affairs with men. The action was commended in suffrage circles, especially in view of the fact that Washington men and women cannot vote.

Mrs. Taylor was drawn from among 300 men. She was the only woman. Another woman was not drawn, however, to take her place. She operated three bakeries during the war, the principal one being at 3422 Fourteenth street northwest.

When seen by The Times reporter this morning the first thing she said was, "Well, ain't it the limit?"

Emphasizes Need for Christian Influence in Colleges

By International News Service.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 11.—"One of the worst things that could happen to the universities of the United States would be the withdrawal of the Christian influence," declared Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of Ohio State University.

"It should be carried further, into the high schools as well. We cannot leave religion out of the lives of these young people at the very time when the purposes of life are being formed and decisions are being made."

Last year we had over 2,000 Methodists in Ohio State. We had more than 1,400 Presbyterians. There are many schools of both these denominations with less students than that. The church cannot give them a four-year vacation from church service and care.

"The State University represents the State. But it represents the best ideals of the State, not the worst," President Thompson said.

MATE NEGLECTS HER FOR PONIES, WIFE DECLARES

Bess F. Downing Sues One-Time Major, Who Is Now a Floor-Walker.

William F. Downing, former major of the Quartermaster's Corps, but now a floorwalker in a Washington department store, was named defendant in a suit for divorce filed yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Bess F. Downing, 813 Allison street northwest. Cruelty, insufficient support and a fondness for the companionship of other women were the grounds urged by the wife as being the cause of the matrimonial differences.

Downing is described as a former resident of Culpeper, Va., where he was prominently identified. His wife's petition states that she was forced to seek employment to keep her home intact. She also charges that Downing is fond of the race track, and that he gambled and wasted his salary in other ways.

The plaintiff, who is represented by Attorney Raymond Neudecker, further charges that Downing "devotes his thoughts and attentions to other women," and makes "a practice of collecting the cards of women acquaintances and listing their names and telephone numbers." The former army officer was also charged with having "developed an affinity with a young woman at Camp Sherman" during the war period. The bill did not state her name.

Mrs. Downing declared that her husband beat her on many occasions and threatened her with physical harm if she ever revealed the conditions of their married life or appealed to this court for help.

EVEN CLOTHES LIES UNSAFE IN WASHINGTON

Capital Infested With Petty Thieves—Numbers of Complaints to Police.

The merry game of petty thievery still goes on in the District. Conditions are such now that the small boy hesitates to leave his bicycle at the curb while he makes a call at a business house, and housewives feel uneasy while the family wash is drying on a line in the rear yard.

Mrs. Thomas W. Brahany, 2700 Connecticut avenue northwest, complained that a diamond ring worth \$175 was stolen from her apartment Thursday. She did not miss it until yesterday.

Edward McDonald, 2711 Nichols avenue southeast, reported that a thief, who pried open a shutter of a rear window, entered his home and stole \$14 from a sideboard drawer in the kitchen.

D. W. Williams, 1233 Sixth street northwest, complained that two colored boys snatched his watch from his hand while he was standing in front of 1203 Seventh street northwest.

An overcoat worth \$30 was stolen from the locker of Charles W. Gray, of the Government Printing Office.

Fred Garner, of the Victoria Theater, complained that \$1 in dimes and a ring were stolen from the place last night.

Clothing valued at \$70 was stolen from the home of Randolph Green, 1757 K street northwest, yesterday evening. The loot included two suits and an overcoat.

Harry Hoover, 620 G street northwest; Lester Pinth, 1220 U street southeast; David Taylor, 1423 Ames place northwest; De Mentres Pont, 610 Twenty-second street northwest; Jack Rappaport, 1117 Seventeenth street northwest; Charles Foster, 3532 Fifth street northwest; and Charles Tibbs, 462 N street northwest, all reported the loss of their bicycles.

H. Y. Dreisonstok, 1708 Oregon avenue, and F. S. Gorman, 913 L street northwest, complained that spare parts were removed from their cars shortly after their machines had been parked.

Walter J. Owens, 1440 Meridian street northwest, complained that thieves in the rear of 1523 Oak street northwest, was entered last night by thieves who took his machine. The lock on the rear door was broken off.

NEWSPAPER MEN OF WORLD MEET AT PRESS CLUB

Government Officials and Organization Heads Explain Methods in U. S.

Newspaper men of the world opened their work at the conference on limitation of armament at a business and information meeting last night at the National Press Club. Officials of the Government and of newspaper organizations explained to their visiting colleagues the methods of gathering news in Washington and the regulations for the press at the conference.

The meeting was opened by former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, who read, "I Am the Printing Press," by Day, and later made an urgent appeal to the writers to set forth the facts of the conference candidly and without bias.

"It is with you men," he said, "that it rests to inform the peoples of the world—the real determining factor—of the events and issues of this conference."

Plans numbers by Louis A. Potter, and vocal solos by H. LeRoy Lewis, baritone, were warmly received.

Addresses were made by Richard V. Oulahan, chairman of the American Press Council; Robert Barry, chairman of the standing committee of correspondents; Henry Snyden and Philip Hatchin, of the State Department; and Frederic J. Haskin, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Press Club.

Representatives of the foreign press in several short speeches, felicitated the American officials and newspaper men on the arrangements for the convenience at the conference. Among these were Col. Charles Repington, the noted British writer, who also contributed a highly humorous discussion on the menace of the amplifier.

GEORGETOWN R. O. T. C. UNIT MARCHES AT HERO FUNERAL

Commanded by Cadet Major Joseph A. McDonough, a battalion of the R. O. T. C. unit at Georgetown University, 250 strong, marched in the parade today in honor of the unknown American soldier.

Company C, commanded by Capt. C. J. O'Neal, was designated as the color company yesterday, having won the honor at a competitive drill between the three companies. Miss Margaret Gorman, known as "Miss Washington," presented the colors.

The other two companies participated in the parade as "A," commanded by Capt. R. E. Morgan, and "B," commanded by Capt. Joseph A. Little.

New Wireless Phone Record.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Nov. 11.—What is asserted to be a world's record for land transmission of wireless telephony was achieved here Saturday night, when a concert program being sent out by wireless from San Francisco was picked up and distinctly recorded despite the fact that the path of the message lies over several mountain ranges. The two points are over 1,400 miles apart. This was accomplished by W. W. Grant, wireless engineer for the Dominion government.

New Oil Project.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Nov. 11.—The first oil refinery in Alberta will be in operation near Fort McMurray, next year, according to George J. Hammond, a well-known Vancouver capitalist. Control of 6,000 acres of tar sands near Fort McMurray has been obtained by the company which Mr. Hammond represents, and by a special process, which has already been successfully proved, it is proposed to extract the oil and other by-products from the tar sands.

Developing Asphalt.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Nov. 11.—Exploitation of asphalt deposits at Nakam Lake, thirty-eight miles north-west of here, will be resumed. Operations were abandoned in 1914 owing to the war. At that time a well had been sunk to a depth of 1,400 feet. The drill was then a stratum of brown oil saturated shale.

Police Parade While Women Faint In Jam Of Traffic At Bridge

Scores of Washington policemen were on dress parade for more than two hours today in the roped-off area in the vicinity of the White House and Pan-American building, while thousands of persons struggled to get free of the traffic jam at the District ends of the Highway and Aqueduct bridges.

Thousands of persons, many coming long distances to pay tribute at the bier of the "Unknown Soldier," and bearing tickets which had been obtained with the greatest difficulty, were forced to abandon their pilgrimage to Arlington and fight their way through the confusion to their hotels here.

Vice President In Tangle.

Vice President Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge and a party of friends were scheduled to play a part in the ceremonies were caught in the jam. With them was Ambassador Pezet, of Peru.

No policemen could be found. Private citizens sought to clarify the situation, but failed because of lack of authority.

When motorists fortunate enough to gain release from the jam finally reached quiet areas where uniformed policemen were parading, and asked for help, they were told to move on that "we are acting under orders."

Several women, already suffering under the strain due to the natural solemnity of the occasion, fainted, and had to be carried out of the crush.

Both men and women, thousands of them, seeing that nothing whatever was being done to relieve the situation and that the police were conspicuous by their absence sought some sort of relief by heaping caustic criticism on the police heads who they claimed were responsible.

Thousands of visitors swore they would avoid Washington in the future rather than take the risks to which they were subjected today.

A Times reporter, who got caught in the jam below the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, extirpated himself and started for the Aqueduct bridge in Georgetown.

The reporter's car had difficulty in passing through the lines of police that thronged the streets en route—streets almost deserted by the crowds. The confusion on M street from Twenty-sixth street to the Aqueduct bridge was found to be worse than that obtaining at the highway bridge approach.

MOONSHINER-PREACHER Converts Prisoners During Jail Term

JOPLIN, Mo., Nov. 11.—The Rev. Marion Griffith, who on Wednesday completed a thirty-day jail sentence following his plea of guilty to a charge of operating a whiskey still, today thanked the chief of police for his arrest.

While "I was in jail," he told the chief, "I converted four of my fellow prisoners at my revival services."

LIGHT FLOOD TO BATHE CITY AT EIGHT TONIGHT

Salvo of Artillery Signal for Illumination—President Harding To Turn on Switch.

To the accompaniment of a salvo of artillery—the President's salute of twenty-one guns—a brilliant volume of light will flood the city at 8 o'clock tonight.

Thousands will crowd Seventeenth street at the Pan-American Union building to witness the grandeur of the burial of the unknown here, and the opening of the arms conference tomorrow morning.

Ten great incense urns, sending forth their sandalwood fragrance in honor of the unknown soldier, will be placed on either side of the jeweled arch. Representing an ancient mourning custom, all the electric lights along Seventeenth street from New York avenue to C street northwest, will be dismantled and installed with gas, each bearing four torch-like flames.

President Harding will operate the switch which will illuminate the Arch of Jewels. Powerful searchlights will light up the Washington Monument. At the top, two red beams of light will be thrown skyward. The President's salute will be fired from the four 75-centimeter French guns at the foot of the Monument.

CHICAGO'S SWAR MOTHERS HONOR UNKNOWN HERO

Sgt. Courley and Corpl. Bryan Bring Elaborate Floral Piece For Yank's Bier.

One of the most attractive floral tributes placed on the casket of the unknown soldier as it lay in the rotunda of the Capitol, was that brought to Washington yesterday for the Gold Star Mothers of Chicago, by Sgt. George B. Gourley and Cpl. Claude Bryan, of that city.

The wreath, paid for from contributions made by mothers of sons who were lost in the world war, was five feet by four feet, consisting of buds and flowers, intertwined with flags and the nation's colors.

Gourley and Bryan, both of whom received numerous decorations for heroic service in France, brought the floral tribute here as guests of the Chicago American, who has arranged that they also take in the sights of their Nation's Capital. Both men expressed themselves as astounded at the beauty of Washington.

They marched this morning in the funeral procession with the Vincent Costello Post, of the American Legion, as special guests of Post Commander Franklin. Gourley was with Company E, 131st Infantry, and Bryan was connected with Company I, Fifty-sixth Infantry, during the war.

FAMOUS RUG IS USED BY HARDING AT ARLINGTON

Men of World Prominence Have Passed Over New Yorker's "Liberty Mat."

President Harding stood on the famous Liberty Bell rug today when he delivered his speech at the amphitheater in the Arlington Cemetery. The rug was immediately carried away and will be placed at the door to the Pan-American Building tomorrow morning for delegates to the conference to walk over.

Made historic by the prominent position it has been given in meetings of national and international importance, the rug was brought to Washington several days ago by its owner, Thomas Kullulian, of Philadelphia.

The rug, woven in a prison, presented to the Shah of Persia, and finally given to Mr. Kullulian, first came into prominence several years ago when it was used in San Francisco. It was spread under the Liberty Bell for five months.

This is the third appearance of the rug in Washington. It was brought here last March and President Harding stood on it when he delivered his inaugural address. Later it was taken to the White House and pictures of the President standing on it were widely distributed.

Seventeen hundred drafted men, the first of the drafted to go to France, passed over the rug in New York shortly before boarding a transport.

During the war, the rug was carried throughout the United States and used to stimulate the sale of Liberty bonds.

After the armistice it was taken to Paris and prominent men of all nations stepped on it when the treaty of Versailles was signed.

General Joffre, General Petain, and Marshal Foch stood on the famous rug when they received their victory sword.

When General Pershing returned to America after the war, he stood on the rug in the City Hall of New York.

The desire of Mr. Kullulian is to take the rug throughout the United States, lecture to school children and collect a penny from each with which to build a bell like the Liberty Bell, to be presented to Armenian children.

27 ARE INDICTED BY DISTRICT GRAND JURY

Twenty-one indictments against twenty-seven persons were returned by the grand jury last night.

Horace G. Atkinson, 414 1/2 street northwest; Charles "Buck" Baker, T street northeast; Claude W. Bell, and John Delmas were indicted for robbery of Harry Schiffman, a Philadelphia jewelry salesman. At the time of the robbery was on bond following a jury disagreement on a charge of first degree murder preferred against him in connection with the death of Elmore M. Barry. Jefferson B. Varner, Clifton Capehard, and Robert L. Ooghe were indicted for forgery and uttering, in connection with an attempt to pass money orders on the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Margaret Robinson, Melvin Thomas, and Edith Prosper were indicted for grand larceny; William I. Johnson and Chester Sobocin were charged after trust; John Smith, alias Rance Higgins, forgery and uttering; Earl E. Kreuger and George Carter, forgery; and Howard Cooper, Herman J. Brown, Ernest B. Johnson, Randolph Dixon, Cornelius Payne, Herman G. Brown, Ivan C. Earhart, Ernst Rich, and William H. Minor, housebreaking and larceny.

Miss Morgan Reads Poem.

Miss Angela Morgan, America's leading poetess, read her poem "The Unknown Soldier," last night at the services at the bier of the unknown hero conducted by the League of American Pen Women.

PEDDLERS SELL HUGE QUANTITY OF DOPE HERE

Ninety-eight Per Cent of Drugs Dispensed Are Handled Illegally, Is Claim.

About ninety-eight per cent of the morphine, cocaine and heroin used in Washington is sold by peddlers to addicts. This is the estimate of Dr. Frank S. Stone, president of the Washington Drugists' Association.

The 200 drugists in Washington, Dr. Stone says, are doing more than the Federal and local regulations demand in the way of keeping down the sale of drugs.

Every drug store in Washington, Dr. Stone says, has issued strict instructions to prescription clerks in the matter of dispensing drugs, and a close check is kept on them.

The Board of Pharmacy, in addition to this, has authority to refuse a license to any person who uses dope, and this prevents addicts from working in places where they have access to drugs. In every store drugs are locked up.

The police and narcotic inspectors during the past two weeks have arrested several persons and captured a quantity of drugs.

In one case they seized a man with more than \$3,000 worth of drugs on him, which he said was given him to sell by a man in New York City who smuggled it in. The man was a former employee of the Shipping Board and became acquainted with the traffickers in drugs while working on one of the ships.

Most of the persons arrested during the last few weeks have been young men and women scarcely out of their teens, few of the offenders being old persons. It is this phase of the situation that is giving the police and narcotic inspectors much concern, as it marks a new departure in the manner of peddling dope.

Inquest on Fall Victim.

Coroner Nevitt will conduct an inquest at 8 o'clock this afternoon into the death of George T. Howard, 2105 N street northwest, manager of the Asbestor Covering Company, who died yesterday at Emergency Hospital following a fall down the elevator shaft at the Woolworth Building, 916 D street northwest, last Friday.

What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

Today.

Fine Arts Commission, Lemon Building, 8 a. m.

East Gate Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, 8 p. m.

Select Club Informal dance, Hadleigh Hotel, 9 p. m.

Central Labor Union, Central High School, 8 p. m.

Armistice service, Washington Hebrew Congregation Temple, 8 p. m.

Grand Fleet dinner to Admiral Beatty, Reacher, 8 p. m.

Christadelphians show closes tonight at 9 o'clock. Open all day.

Art Circle, Thomson School, 8 p. m.

Armistice Dance, Catholic Community House, 601 E street northwest, 8 p. m.

Reopening of boys' department of the Twelfth Street Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

Armistice celebration, Wesley A. M. E.

Tomorrow.

Z. Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets northwest, 8 p. m.

Christian Science lecture by John Sidney Braithwaite, of London, First Church, 8 p. m.

Men's meeting, Twelfth Street Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

Maine State Society, Thomson School, 8 p. m.

People's Party, Marjorie Celeste Chandler presiding, 809 G street northwest, 8 p. m.

Joint meeting of Academy of Sciences, Biological and Botanical Societies, Cosmos Club, 8 p. m.

"Messure Party." Ladies Auxiliary, Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

Recital by Mrs. Fanetta Sargent Haskell, 1815 N street northwest, 8 p. m.

10,000 LEGIONAIRES HERE TO HONOR UNKNOWN VET

More than 10,000 members of the American Legion are in Washington to pay respect to America's unknown soldier, it was stated today by National Commander Hanford MacNeider, of Iowa.

In addition to the forty-eight official representatives of the American Legion, departments, delegations of Legion members varying in size from fifty to five hundred are attending the ceremonies.

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL FOUND IN STUPOR IN DOORWAY

Found unconscious in the doorway at 1205 H street northeast at 1 o'clock this morning by a patrolman, Julia Sulavsky, sixteen years old, of Riverdale, Md., was removed to Casualty Hospital, where it was said this morning that her condition is improved.

Constable Thomas H. Garrison, of Hyattsville, has been notified and he will arrange with her relatives to have her removed to her home.

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